

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

**Dear Supervisors:** 

**ADOPTED** 

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

33 July 2, 2013

SACHI A. HAMAI EXECUTIVE OFFICER

AMENDMENT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE
TITLE 15: VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC SECTION 15.64.341 REGARDING
PARKING RESTRICTION FOR VEHICLES FOR SALE ON
CERTAIN STREETS IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF
EAST LOS ANGELES, WALNUT PARK, EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ,
EL CAMINO VILLAGE, FLORENCE-FIRESTONE, LAWNDALE,
SOUTH PARK, WILLOWBROOK, ROWLAND HEIGHTS, SOUTH WHITTIER,
WEST WHITTIER, WHITTIER, ALTADENA, AND PEARBLOSSOM
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5)
(3 VOTES)

## **SUBJECT**

This action is to amend an existing ordinance prohibiting the parking of vehicles for sale on certain County of Los Angeles streets in the unincorporated communities of East Los Angeles, Walnut Park, East Rancho Dominguez, El Camino Village, Florence Firestone, Lawndale, South Park, Willowbrook, Rowland Heights, South Whittier, West Whittier, Whittier, Altadena, and Pearblossom.

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Find that the amendment to the proposed ordinance is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 2. Find that based on studies conducted by the Department of Public Works, certain street segments in the County have been identified as being impacted by one or more of the conditions described in Section 15.64.340(I) (1)-(7) and should be added to Section 15.64.341, and that certain highway segments no longer meet the criteria in the ordinance for the restrictions and those segments should be deleted from that section.

- 3. Introduce, waive reading, and set the public hearing for July 23 2013, on the proposed ordinance that amends Title 15 Section 15.64.341 of the Los Angeles County Code to restrict the parking of vehicles for sale on certain streets in the unincorporated communities of East Los Angeles, Walnut Park, East Rancho Dominguez, El Camino Village, Florence-Firestone, Lawndale, South Park, Willowbrook, Rowland Heights, South Whittier, West Whittier, Whittier, Altadena, and Pearblossom.
- 4. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to give notice of public hearing to be published once a week for two successive weeks in both English and Spanish language newspapers at least 2 weeks prior to the public hearing for July 23, 2013, pursuant to Section 6066 of the Government Code.

## AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Find that the proposed ordinance is categorically exempt from Class 1-(x) 7 of the California Environmental Quality Guidelines.
- 2. Find that based on studies conducted by the Department of Public Works, the following street segments in the County of Los Angeles have been identified as being impacted by one or more of the conditions described in Section 15.64.340(I) (1)-(7) and should be added to Section 15.64.341:

## 96th Street East (Pearblossom)

Both sides of 96th Street East between 500 feet north of Avenue T and 500 feet south of Avenue T

## Broadway (Walnut Park)

• Both sides of Broadway between Santa Fe Avenue and City of Huntington Park boundary

#### California Street (Walnut Park)

Both sides of California Street between Santa Fe Avenue and City of Huntington Park boundary

#### Carmenita Road (Whittier)

Both sides of Carmenita Road east frontage road between Walburg Street and Telegraph Road

#### Converse Avenue (Florence-Firestone)

• Both sides of Converse Avenue between Gage Avenue and 175 feet north of 59th Street

#### Cudahy Street (Walnut Park)

• Both sides of Cudahy Street between Santa Fe Avenue and City of Huntington Park boundary

#### Flower Street (Walnut Park)

• Both sides of Flower Street between Santa Fe Avenue and City of Huntington Park boundary

#### Ford Boulevard (East Los Angeles)

• Both sides of Ford Boulevard between Floral Drive and East Olympic Boulevard

#### Fullerton Road West (Rowland Heights)

Both sides of Fullerton Road west frontage road between Mescal Street and Galatina Street

## Grand Avenue (Walnut Park)

• Both sides of Grand Avenue between Santa Fe Avenue and City of Huntington Park boundary

Hill Street (Walnut Park)

• Both sides of Hill Street between Santa Fe Avenue and its terminus west of South Gate Avenue

Hoefner Avenue (East Los Angeles)

• Both sides of Hoefner Avenue between Hubbard Street and Whittier Boulevard

Holmes Avenue (Florence-Firestone)

• Both sides of Holmes Avenue between Gage Avenue and Florence Avenue

Hope Street (Walnut Park)

Both sides of Hope Street between Santa Fe Avenue and City of Huntington Park boundary

La Mirada West (Whittier)

 Both sides of La Mirada Boulevard west frontage road between Hornell Street and its northerly terminus

Labin Court (Rowland Heights)

• Both sides of Labin Court between Nogales Street and its westerly terminus

Live Oak Street (Walnut Park)

• Both sides of Live Oak Street between Santa Fe Avenue and City of Huntington Park boundary

Makee Avenue (South Park)

• Both sides of Makee Avenue between Gage Avenue and Slauson Avenue

Manhattan Beach Boulevard (Lawndale)

• Both sides of Manhattan Beach Boulevard north frontage road between Prairie Avenue and Dominguez Channel

Miramonte Boulevard (South Park)

• Both sides of Miramonte Boulevard between Gage Avenue and Slauson Avenue

Nogales Street (Rowland Heights)

• Both sides of Nogales Street west frontage road between Adney Street and its northerly terminus

Olive Street (Walnut Park)

• Both sides of Olive Street between Santa Fe Avenue and City of Huntington Park boundary

Prairie Avenue (Lawndale)

• Both sides of Prairie Avenue east frontage road between West 154th Street and Manahattan Beach Boulevard

Prairie Avenue (Hawthorne)

• East side of Prairie Avenue east frontage road between Marine Avenue and West 154th Street

Walnut Street (Walnut Park)

• Both sides of Walnut Street between Santa Fe Avenue and City of Huntington Park boundary

Washington Boulevard (Whittier)

• Both sides of Washington Boulevard north frontage road between Crowndale Avenue and Appledale Avenue

3. Find that based on studies conducted by the Department of Public Works, the following street segments in the County of Los Angeles no longer meet the criteria in the ordinance for the restrictions and should be deleted from Section 15.64.341:

Allen Avenue (Altadena)

Both sides of Allen Avenue between Altadena Drive and New York Drive

Altadena Drive (Altadena)

Both sides of Altadena Drive between Casitas Avenue and New York Drive

Loma Alta Drive (Altadena)

• Both sides of Loma Alta Drive between Lincoln Avenue and Lake Avenue

Mariposa Street (Altadena)

- Both sides of Mariposa Street between Fair Oaks Avenue and Lake Avenue
- 4. Approve the ordinance amending Los Angeles County Title 15: Vehicles and Traffic Section 15.64.341 to restrict the parking of vehicles for sale on certain streets in the unincorporated communities of East Los Angeles, Walnut Park, East Rancho Dominguez, El Camino Village, Florence-Firestone, Lawndale, South Park, Willowbrook, Rowland Heights, South Whittier, West Whittier, Altadena, and Pearblossom.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to amend the existing ordinance to alleviate the problem of vehicles parking for the purpose of sale on the County of Los Angeles highways. The parking of vehicles for sale on County highways is a growing concern to residents due to the negative impact on the quality of life in the neighborhood.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3) as these actions will improve traffic safety along the described roadways and improve the quality of life for residents.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is a nominal cost associated with posting approximately 400 signs on the streets included with this ordinance amendment to restrict vehicles for sale.

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

Sufficient funds are included in the Recommended Fiscal Year 2013-14 Road Fund Budget to cover the minor costs of removing and installing the necessary signs and markings.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The County has experienced a proliferation of used vehicles being parked or left idle on public streets for the purpose of advertising or displaying such vehicles for sale, resulting in a negative impact on the County, its residents, and businesses.

California Courts have ruled that a city or county may reasonably regulate the time, place, and manner in which its public streets are used for the sale of vehicles.

California legislature enacted Section 22651.9 of the California Vehicle Code authorizing cities and counties to remove and impound vehicles with for sale signs from designated streets or public lands.

On July 12, 2011, the Board amended Los Angeles County Code Title 15: Vehicles and Traffic by amending Section 15.64.340 and adding Sections 15.64.341 to 15.64.343 to prohibit the parking of vehicles on certain streets in the County if the vehicle is parked for the primary purpose of advertising the vehicle for sale. The enclosed ordinance amends Section 15.64.341, the provision which identifies the locations where vehicle parking under the ordinance is prohibited. The ordinance amendment adds additional segments that have been identified by the Department of Public Works as being impacted by one or more of the conditions described in Section 15.64.340(I) (1)-(7). The ordinance amendment deletes certain segments from Section 15.64.641 which Public Works has found no longer meet the criteria of the ordinance for the restrictions.

The analysis of this ordinance amendment approved by County Counsel is enclosed.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The ordinance amendment of the parking restriction for vehicles for sale is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the CEQA Guidelines and Class-I(x) 7 of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by the Board. These exemptions provide for establishing limitations on the use of County streets and highways authorized by law, such as but not limited to parking restrictions or prohibitions including the posting of regulatory and advisory signs.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

No impact on current services or projects is expected.

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## **CONCLUSION**

Please return two adopted copies of this letter and the ordinance to the Department of Public Works, Traffic and Lighting Division.

Respectfully submitted,

**GAIL FARBER** 

Director

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**Enclosures** 

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson) County Counsel (Sari J. Steel) Executive Office